



INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(51) International Patent Classification ⁶ : A63F 9/22, 5/04, G06F 19/161, G07F 17/34		A1	(11) International Publication Number: WO 00/32286
			(43) International Publication Date: 8 June 2000 (08.06.00)
(21) International Application Number: PCT/AU99/01059		(81) Designated States: AU, JP, NZ, US, ZA.	
(22) International Filing Date: 26 November 1999 (26.11.99)		Published <i>With international search report.</i>	
(30) Priority Data: PP 7341 26 November 1998 (26.11.98) AU			
(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): ARISTOCRAT LEISURE INDUSTRIES PTY LTD [AU/AU]; 71 Longueville Road, Lane Cove, NSW 2066 (AU).			
(72) Inventors; and (5) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): BENNETT, Nicholas, Luke [AU/AU]; 28 Quinian Parade, Manly Vale, NSW 2093 (AU); BRYANT, Natalie [AU/AU]; 85-113 Dunning Avenue, Rosebery, NSW 2018 (AU); BYNG, Stephen [AU/AU]; 4/58 Hordern Street, Newtown, NSW 2042 (AU).			
(4) Agent: F B RICE & CO; 605 Darling Street, Balmain, NSW 2041 (AU).			

(4) Title: PLAYER INFORMATION DELIVERY

(7) Abstract

A console is described, having display means, and game control means arranged to control images displayed on the display means, the game control means being arranged to play a game in which one or more symbols are randomly selected as a combination of symbols and displayed on the display means. If a winning combination results, the machine awards a prize. In some circumstances, the console will display an animated character to communicate information to the player. The character is independent of and appears asynchronously with respect to the game being played and is arranged to appear super imposed over any game screen currently displayed at the time the character is displayed.

